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SUBJECT:NRC-CAEC-TAIPOWER DISCUSSIONS JUNE 5, 1978

1. SUMMARY. NRC CONDUCTED ONE-DAY DISCUSSIONS, JUNE 5, WITH VISITING CAEC AND TAIPOWER OFFICIALS, ON COOPERATION OUTLINED IN MARCH 1978 MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION. THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES THESE DISCUSSIONS AND REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN TWO FOLLOW-UP ITEMS. END SUMMARY.

2. ISA YIN, INSPECTOR FROM REGION III, NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, WILL BE IN SEOUL, KOREA FROM JUNE 18 THRU JULY 1 TO ADVISE THE KOREAN ELECTRIC CO. (KECO) ON MECHANICAL SNUBBERS AND RELATED MECHANICAL PROBLEMS OF THE KORI I POWER REACTOR. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS KOREA VISIT, NRC UNCLASSIFIED

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IS PREPARED TO MAKE YIN AVAILABLE FOR 2-WEEK VISIT TO TAIWAN TO ADVISE THE ROC ATOMIC ENERGY COUNCIL AND TAIPOWER ON THE SAME SUBJECTS. IN MEETINGS HELD BETWEEN NRC AND ROC DELEGATION (V. CHENG, ATOMIC ENERGY COUNCIL, D. CHU AND D. CHENG, TAIWAN POWER CO.) IN WASHINGTON, JUNE 5, THE CHINESE EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN HAVING YIN VISIT TAIWAN. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT V.CHENG AND CONFIRM

YIN'S VISIT ON JULY 1 - 15. IF APPROVED, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS BY TELEGRAM WITH AN INFO COPY FOR YIN,

AMEMBASSY SEOUL (ATTN: SCIATT ROBERT STELLA). YIN'S DEALINGS WILL BE WITH TAIPOWER AND CAEC. ANY CONTACTS HE MAY HAVE WITH INER WOULD BE CLEARED WITH EMBASSY IN ADVANCE.

3. NRC ALSO SUGGESTED A VISIT TO TAIWAN BY DR. L. S. TONG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NRC REGULATORY SAFETY RESEARCH OFFICE, AND A LWR HEAT TRANSFER EXPERT. TONG IS WELL KNOWN TO ROC REPRESENTATIVES WHO READILY WELCOMED SUCH A VISIT. TONG WILL VISIT FAR EAST IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER AND WILL PLAN TO SPEND 3-5 DAYS IN TAIWAN. HE SHOULD VISIT NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH CENTERS AND OTHER NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS AND OFFICIALS, TO DESCRIBE US LWR SAFETY RESEARCH PROGRAM AND DISCUSS INTEREST IN AND POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY ROC. TO ASSIST IN PREPARING FOR THIS VISIT, DR. TONG WOULD APPRECIATE A LIST OF TOPICS ROC HOSTS WOULD LIKE TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROPOSE THIS NOV OR DEC VISIT PLAN, OBTAIN AND TRANSMIT ROC SUGGESTED TOPICS.

4. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE NRC DISCUSSIONS:

A. NRC VISITS TO TAIWAN: (1) NRC IS PREPARED TO MAKE ISA UNCLASSIFIED

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YIN, REGION III, AVAILABLE FOR VISIT TO TAIWAN FROM JULY 1 TO JULY 14, FOR A TWO-WEEK VISIT ON GENERAL INSPECTION AND SNUBBER ADVICE. THE CHINESE WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YIN VISIT TAIWAN DURING THIS TIME.

(2) NRC OFFERED TO HAVE DR. LONG SUN TONG STOP IN TAIWAN IN CONNECTION WITH HIS NEXT VISIT TO JAPAN FOR DISCUSSIONS ON GENERAL REACTOR SAFETY. DR. TONG HAS REQUESTED THAT THE CHINESE WRITE HIM AND LIST ANY SPECIFIC DISCUSSION TOPICS THEY WOULD LIKE HIM TO INCLUDE IN PREPARING FOR THE VISIT.

B. TRAINING: (1) THE BWR FUNDAMENTALS COURSE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BE GIVEN IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN, NEXT NOVEMBER, AND COULD BE FOLLOWED BY A PWR COURSE NEXT YEAR. THE CHINESE MAY WANT LATER TO SEND AN ASSIGNEE TO WORK ONE YEAR IN NRC. IN ADDITION TO SOMEONE FROM THE ROC GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION, THEY MAY WANT TO SEND SOMEONE FROM TAIPOWER. NRC WILL CHECK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSIGNING THIS PERSON FOR TRAINING AT TVA.

C. INFORMATION EXCHANGE: CAEC AND TAIPOWER ARE PLANNING TO SEND NRC OPERATING DATA FROM THE TAIPOWER PLANT. VANCE

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